



# ***St. Winefride's Catholic Church***

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## Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 18-24

"God-is-with-us"! God sent his only Son on earth to be born of human stock. His name is Jesus and his mother's name is Mary. He is the Saviour of all the world, and through him we are called to real holiness of life.

## **LAST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sometimes the signs God gives are unmistakable. Sometimes the signs are not so obvious. What signs do we see when we look around us? Sometimes it is hard to see God's signs because the signs of our world are so ever present and large. How many times this month have you seen this sign: "ONLY 20 (or 18, or 10, or 6

**Parish Priest:** Fr Anil Akkara SDV, Fr Roy Kottakupuram SDV (Assistant)

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev Peter Hunt

**Deacon:** Rev Luigi Morrone SDV

4th Sunday of Advent  
22nd December 2013  
Psalter: Week IV- Cycle: A

or...) **MORE SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS.**" Do we ever stop to think, "How many praying days left until **Christmas?**"

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## Christmas - New Year Celebrations

**December 24th: Christmas Eve**

05:30pm: Children's Carol Service

06:00pm: Vigil Mass with Children

11:00pm: Carol Service

11:30pm: Vigil Mass

**December 29th: Holy Family**

09:30am: Mass, with the Blessing of Families

**December 25th: Christmas Day**

09:30am: Solemn Mass

**December 31st: New Year Eve**

05:30pm: Adoration & Vespers

06:00pm: Mass

Attendance  
Sunday Mass: 151  
Well : 20

**Collection:** The Offertory Collection on last Sunday (15th December 2013) was: £406.10 (cash: £142.80+ Gift-Aid Envelopes: £263.30).

Second Collection for Flowers for Christmas was:£108.10

Christmas Carol Concert: £905.00

Thank you very much for your generosity. The value of your contribution is increased when it is gift-aided.

**GIFT-AID -MANY THANKS:** Many thanks to those of you who gift-aided your weekly offering to the Church. We have just received the gift-aid tax rebate for financial year 2012-2013 the amount £3,643.32. If you are a tax-payer and would like to gift-aid your offering, please speak to any of the clergy or Mr Don Place.

**BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION** on 1st & 2nd February 2014. On 31st January 2014, Bishop Peter will be visiting St Winefride's Primary School.

**NOVENA TO CHRISTMAS** on everyday from 17th December after our weekday Mass.

**CHURCH CLEANING BEFORE CHRISTMAS** on Monday 23rd December at 10:00am. We invite all those who can help clean the church for Christmas. We know that there is a group of dedicated parishioners who clean our church regularly each week. Let us make it as an act of thanksgiving and appreciation to all those who clean our church every week, throughout the year.

**ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING:** tomorrow 23rd December at 3:00pm in the sacristy, in order to practice the Christmas liturgy.

**CRIB OFFERINGS:** this year's Crib Offerings will be for the two HCPT groups in our diocese (as asked by Bishop Peter).

**CHANGE IN MASS TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS:** There will be no Mass in our church on Thursday 26th December, as our priests will be in Walsall, Birmingham for their Christmas get-together, but there will be Mass at the Bridgettine's Convent at 6:00pm. From 27th till January 4th, Mass at the Convent will be at 8:00am.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:** we have started receiving mass offerings for next year. The new mass-register for 2014 has arrived and if you would like a Mass celebrated on a particular day, please speak to any of the clergy.

**BLESSING OF FAMILIES** on next Sunday, as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family.



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call, and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, St. Winefride and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.*

**Hail Mary...**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, unite us perfectly to your adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and intercession; make of us with you, a host of sacrifice to the Divinity and sacrament to the souls. O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.*

**(Blessed Justin)**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** today (22nd December) during Advent Reflection (from 3:45 till 4:30pm).

**LATIN MASS** on today (Sunday, 22nd December) at 11:30am in our church.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE DEAF** will be celebrated in Bishop's private chapel at Bishop's House at 3:00pm pm Sunday 5th January. Please bring this to the attention of any parishioners who are deaf.

**YEAR BOOK & DIRECTORY 2014:** the new Year Book for 2014 has arrived. Please take one from the porch. Price: £2:60.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM:** "The Joy of the Gospel" The new Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis is available. Price: £4:00.

**CLERGY VISITING THE SICK:** During advent priests will be going around visiting the sick and the house-bound. Please inform any member of the SVP or the clergy if someone would like a visit from the priest.

**"A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN TO US"** Advent prayer service (Adoration, Advent reflection, Evening prayer and Benediction) every Sunday from 3:45 till 4:30pm.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ada Williams, Colin Roberts, Bridget Sieninski, Peter Davies, Mary Jones, Austin Foley, Mary Davies, Margaret Williams, Jenny Lewis, Len Southern, Francis Hanson

**May they rest in Peace!**

### Pray for those who are SICK

Fr Tony Jones, Pauline Campbell, Anna Asbury, Maeve O'Malley, Imelda Davies, Val Davies, Peter Hunt, Rex Brain, Olive Yates

**May you receive God's Blessing**



December 2013	Time	Place	Mass Intention
Saturday 21st Vigil Mass	05:40pm 06:00pm	Rosary Mass	Jason Hunt (RIP)
Sunday 22nd 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09:30am 11:30am 03:45pm 05:00pm	Mass Latin Mass Advent Reflection Well	Susan Urmson (RIP)  Parishioners & Pilgrims
Monday 23rd	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass, Novena to Christmas	Philip Roberts (RIP)
Tuesday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE	07:30am 05:30pm 06:00pm 11:00pm 11:30pm	Bridgettine's Convent Children's Carol Service Vigil Mass with Children Carol Service Vigil Mass	Bill Jones (RIP)
Wednesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY	09:30am	Solemn Mass of the Day	Mary Elizabeth Jones (Anniv.)
Thursday 26th St Stephen	06:00pm	Bridgettine's Convent	Francis Hanson (RIP)
Friday 27th St John, Evangelist	08:00am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	Jozef & Evelyn Tuszynski (RIP)
Saturday 28th Vigil Mass	08:00am 05:40pm 06:00pm	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	All Deceased Family & Friends Of the Kitchen Family
Sunday 29th HOLY FAMILY	09:30am 05:00pm	Mass, Blessing of Families Well	Mary Estridge (RIP) Parishioners & Pilgrims

**Ministers for Christmas (24th/25th December): Welcoming:** Volunteers; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Volunteers; **Readers:** Christmas Eve: *Folk Mass*, Midnight Mass: Andrea Cummins & Greg Cummins, Morning Mass: Maureen Archer & Volunteer.

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 21-22)	NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 28-29)
READERS	SAT: Pam Hunt & Mike Parry SUN: Thelma Kavanagh & Mike O'Boyle	SAT: Glyn Casson & Kevin McIntyre SUN: Greg Lunt & Maddalena Keogh
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SAT: Frank Yale & Pat Yale SUN: Sr. Jancy & Thelma Kavanagh	SAT: Mike Parry & Lynn Parry SUN: Steve Blakesley & Sr Metilde Vaz
WELCOMERS	SAT: Alun Williams & Volunteer Linda Dykins & Margaret Gallagher SUN: Greg Lunt & Kevin Carney Madeline Jones & Mary Simkiss	SAT: Brendan Cummins & Volunteer Christine Gallagher & Maureen Condon SUN: Greg Lunt & Kevin Carney Tony Incarico & Tina Incarico
CLEANERS	Rhona Charlton, Rhian & Mike Dowling	Rita & Margaret Curtis
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	David & Debbie Hanson	<i>Christmas Holidays</i>